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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi

Group Art Unit: 1616

Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.

Serial No.: 10/603,254

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: **HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR EXTENDED  
RELEASE FORMULATION**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 8, 2005

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004 for two (2) months from December 8, 2004 to February 8, 2005.

A check for \$450.00 covering the two (2) months extension fee is enclosed. If it is determined that any additional fees are due, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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